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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

It Required Little More Than Half an Hour to Ratify the Decision of the Bosses.

The republicans of Reno county, assembled with due notice, Saturday at the opera house in delegate convention to elect delegates and alternates to the state and congressional conventions. The News, the organ of court house ring, and pet advertising medium of the commissioners, congratulated the delegates on their systematic business ability, harmony and rapidity in discharging the duties of the convention agreeable to call. We can all remember that it is ever thus. And why not? Weeks before the convention meets a baker's dozen of faithful courtiers assemble in a closely guarded room and determine everything that is to come before the convention. The temporary and permanent chairman, secretaries and committees, and even the delegates to represent the county, are all selected and counted out many days before the convention assembles. The bosses are there. The temporary chairman knows the next man that is to make a motion and looks in his direction when the time comes for the motion assigned to him is to be made. The innocent, but verdant, patriot from the ranks from the rural districts, applauds what he believes to be the voice of the people and therefore the voice of God. He may be a first class statesman at the cross roads in his township, but this is his first deal in the game of politics with Ah Sin of Hutchinson. It is not much less than twenty years since the court house ring assumed the guardianship of the republican party and they will continue to do so until a reform movement is sufficiently powerful to root them out. If the rural tenderfoot could hear the boasting of the city bosses a short time before convention day, he would learn for the first time that his standing in the party is that of a faithful follower and a never failing dupe.

Sam Forsha was made temporary chairman and Matthew Smith, secretary, and the committee on organization recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent. This was done of course without question. As chairman of the committee to select delegates to the congressional convention, W. Y. Morgan, president of the State Exchange Bank, announced that the committee had selected the following names to be ratified as delegates to the congressional convention. Of course they were ratified. Mathew, Smith, C. C. Miller, H. Hilyard, W. H. Wilson, A. C. Malloy, E. D. Wood, E. M. Caffrey, Henry Thieson, J. H. Elwood, R. H. Moore, J. A. Young, R. N. Cheatum, John Litchfield, A. Mardis, Albert Dean, W. R. Randle, W. F. Hendry, M. H. Elliot, and R. T. Oliverson. Of course there is nothing to be done at the congressional convention but to renominate Long, and as it is so conceded everywhere, the farmers were considered eminently capable of doing that and were let in on the delegation in large numbers. Only five Hutchinson men were considered so thoroughly capable of doing nothing. Therefore the News was careful to print the place of residence of each man on the delegation. But when it came to the fellows who are to go to Wichita it was all different and of the twenty more than half of them, and probably nearly three-fourths of them are city men.

The following are the delegates to the state convention to be held at Wichita, March 28: W. Y. Morgan, J. C. O. Morse, Frank Vincent, Sam W. Forsha, Charles Mapes, S. C. George, Charles H. Bacon, Arthur Epperson, J. E. Humphrey, George W. Cooter, W. Long, J. S. George, G. J. Lamo, A. A. Cordry, J. W. Jones, G. John Canning, W. R. Bennet, and E. Fehr.

Dr. S. C. Gladay as chairman of the nominating committee reported after conferring with Mr. Daugherty he found the delegates were all satisfactory to him. He should, in order to be fair have also announced that they were also satisfactory to Mr. Cyrus Leland and Mr. Bally, his man. Of course the report of the committee was ratified. Mr. Dayhoff of course was endorsed, and while the committees were out, Ora Morse announced that R. A. McCulloch of Harper county who is a candidate for attorney general, was in the hall and moved that he be invited to address the convention. The gentle-

man made a fair speech for a republican, but he seemed to be embarrassed and left the impression that he will have to improve not a little if he expects to hold his own as a candidate for state office. The convention adjourned with the ring triumphant, after having been in session for less than three quarters of an hour, and this included all the speeches and resolutions as well as the organizing and appointing and reporting of committees. In the primaries over town and the county, the Troutman men, who comprise the opposition to the triumphant machine, either gave up in disgust and did not attend or else were so utterly snowed under that they did not dare to open their mouths. The Saturday Bee, their mouthpiece, is feeling pretty sore, and it is not without company. There are many who are just as sore and are not slow to say so. But then they will get over it because it is the grand old party, and can do no wrong.

NEBRASKA INTERESTED.

Omaha Farmers' Paper Urges Attendance at Hutchinson Co-operative Meeting.

To show something of the interest which is being aroused in the matter of co-operative elevators and the shipping of grain, and especially the prospect of a large and important meeting in this city on March 4th and 5th, the following is clipped from The Central Farmer, of Omaha, Nebraska, concerning our meeting:

"The growth of co-operation in handling grain by farmers' elevators is an astonishing feature of the development of the trust idea from the phase where a few are the beneficiaries into the broader and better phase where all producers are members and all alike are benefited. It is also remarkable that Nebraska has given no attention to this work while other states from Oklahoma to North Dakota and Minnesota are organizing and are either shipping or are preparing to do it. We are reliably informed that one elevator company operating a line of elevators in Nebraska made a profit or dividend of fifty per cent on its investment last year. Of course that profit came by enforcing a lower rate of payment for grain than it could afford to pay, and the 'farmers' are the losers of so much. There is small doubt but other grain companies made similar profits and that in the grand total the 'farmers' have lost by the action of the grain trust in Nebraska, will round into millions of dollars. It is past understanding why, with adjoining states all organizing for the interest of the producers, Nebraska farmers submissively kiss the hand that smites them and fondly feed the trust that skins them. There is time yet for localities to send delegate to Hutchinson on March 4th to learn how Kansas is conducting her grain shipping to the benefit of her producers, and prepare to engage in a similar work here.

"If prompt action is taken by those who first read these words, meetings may be called of a few interested persons for Saturday, March 1st, and a delegate selected and sent to Hutchinson, Kansas, for the March 4th meeting. One and a third fare is granted by railroads from Nebraska points as well as Kansas and Oklahoma stations. Buy your ticket through to Hutchinson and take a receipt for it. Let Nebraska be largely represented at Hutchinson."

Not Clear Yet.

There is something peculiar about the legal entanglements of the Shaw theater. It is understood that the difficulties had been adjusted or at least disposed of for the present. There have been mechanics' liens, and liens for seats, and attachments, and receivers appointed and dismissed and so many other complications it has been impossible for anyone but the lawyers and judge that tried the cases to keep up with developments, and it may be seriously doubted if they have done it. Now H. Whiteside has posted a typewritten notice in front of his office to the effect that he as attorney for the Andrews Opera company of Chicago, will sell all the chairs in the theater to satisfy their lien, on March 6th, and give possession of them under the terms of an order of court dated last October. Of course they will probably be bought by those who are now in charge who are paying up some of the liens.

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HUTCHINSON IN LINE.

Populist State Nominating Convention Should Come Here.

The populist state nominating convention has not yet been called, but probably will be within two or three weeks. If Hutchinson wants the convention, and of course she does, she can probably have it. And judging from the size and enthusiasm of the convention at Topeka, it will be no small gathering. If the democratic convention is allowed to come off at Wichita the populist convention will not be taken to that city because there is a big meeting of some lodge to come off there at the same time and the entertaining capacity of the city will be strained without adding the populist convention to the list of numerous guests. It is well understood by all who are familiar with the temper and feeling of the populists of the state and the state committee that the convention will be called at the same time as the democratic convention, but on account of the above mentioned difficulty it will not be called for the same place unless the democratic convention is changed. One of the committee reports that was submitted to the conference at Topeka recommended that the populist convention be held at either Hutchinson or Topeka. It is altogether likely that one of these two cities will get the convention, with the democratic convention at Wichita, Hutchinson should have the decided advantage.

BE DECIDED SOON.

County Attorney's Suit Against the County for Fees now Under Adjudication.

Judge Simpson now has the case brought by the county attorney against the county under advisement and it will probably be decided by him at the adjourned session which he will hold in this city soon. The case was brought to collect some fees for collecting on a bond that had been forfeited in a liquor case.

It is claimed by the commissioners that these fees are not allowed under the new law, and the claim of the county attorney is that this section is not repealed. The county attorney claimed the right under the law to select the attorney to represent the county in the controversy, and he selected Howard Lewis. The county commissioners however, saw Mr. Lewis and together hired H. Whiteside to assist him. The point involved is one that affects the fees in like cases all over the state and is one which will eventually go to the supreme court, although this one cannot be appealed to that court because the amount involved is too small. The commissioners would be pleased to have it go to that court so as to get a decision that would stand as long as the law is on the statute books. As a matter of fact it is stated that the county attorney did not collect the fees over which this suit is brought at all, but one of the commissioners collected them himself. However, in order to test the case this point was waived.

BLOWN OUT.

The Independent Salt Company Has Evaporated.

There has been no change in the status of the affairs of the Independent Salt company's business in this city. It is now probably at least six or seven months since any work has been done and almost as many months since the first attachments were issued against what visible assets there were. It seems a trifle peculiar that in all this time none of the company that invested so much capital should appear to take any interest in the disposal of the effects. At the last term of court Percy Thompson, who had the contract for boring the wells and had finished two or three of them, obtained judgment against the company for something more than a thousand dollars due for work completed, and three thousand dollars for damages caused by failure to fulfill the contract conditions.

The opinion of those who have had most to do with the company in a business way seems to be that the company was bought out by the Hutchinson-Kansas company, commonly called the trust. If this is the case it is thought they or their repre-

sentatives will appear to buy in the claims when they are sold by legal process, and get something off by managing thus. However, if this is the case, it is altogether likely that they will go on and finish the plants that have been given so good a start.

THAT COUNTY PRINTING.

Some Interesting Tales of How It Was Done and Why.

There are sometimes some interesting tales of public concern that do not become public till long after the date of their occurrence. For instance, the county printing was let some time ago, but the negotiating, the lobbying and the statesmanship of the transaction has never been reported. When the lobbying commenced, a gentleman of the cloth, one of the financiers of the county, approached Commissioner Myers in the interest of the Herald. He was informed by the latter that the letting of the county printing was a political job in which he was not allowed to participate, that it was let for the benefit of the republican party and that the News was it, and would therefore get the printing. The reply of the solicitor was that there was too much truth in the statement and it ought not to be so. Mr. Myers said he had been laboring for several years to the best of his ability to prevent such a condition and was glad to have at least one convert. Then when the proposition came before the board John Lawson appeared with a bid and a statute book from which he read the provision that the old soldier should be considered in preference to all others in the distribution of the public sweets that are made up into pie. He was informed that his statute had been repealed twenty years ago. Mr. Myers said he was an old soldier and never in his life had he been able to get anything because of that fact. Then he proposed to relieve the two republican commissioners of embarrassment under these peculiar circumstances and offered to make them a proposition. If they would agree with him on his old contention of a flat price of fifty per cent of the legal rate on everything, instead of making the tax list bear the whole expense, he would agree to let them name any paper they wished. After a little parley they agreed and in the afternoon decided the News was, and is, and by right ought to be "it." These notes are reported by a mouse who was hid in the waste basket, and have been held a profound secret to this very day.

THEY VISITED US.

Hutchinson is Taken by the Kansas City Commercial Club.

The Kansas City commercial club has been taking its whirl around the circle and on its swing took in this city for about an hour Saturday. This commercial club gets together its bottles, its good clothes, its best smiles and handshakes and a nigger porter and starts out to scatter sunshine and have fun and get business.

They came this time in a train of eight or nine cars including the commissary department and the good things to drink. They have made the rounds of about all the towns of any consequence in this state and Oklahoma, and in short covered about all the territory from which Kansas City draws her subsistence. They arrived in this city a little before noon, Saturday and numbers of our suffering citizens were given an opportunity to smell the breath that came from the commissary car. They were met at the depot by a committee of the Hutchinson commercial club consisting of F. L. Martin, H. Whiteside, Frank Vincent, J. S. George, John Kinkle, W. Y. Morgan, C. A. Ryker, Charles Smith and Mathew Smith.

No really formal reception was given as they had sent word that their stay would necessarily be short. They scattered over town and visited their customers, both their old ones and those they consider prospectively. This office enjoyed a short call from a couple of representatives of the two respective type foundries who are very cordial and pleasant gentlemen. They came in on the Rock Island and proceeded on to McPherson and other towns northeast.

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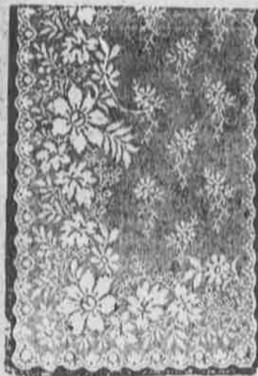
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